THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Housing is a State subject and all social housing schemes are implemented by the State Governments and Union Territories as per the plan priorities and their local requirements. Reservations in various housing schemes, if any, for various categories including freedom fighters are also made by them keeping in view the various factors governing such reservation.

Implementation of Minorities Commission Report

2892. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what action, if any, has so far been taken on the last report submitted by the Central Minorities Commission;

(b) whether the Central Government are also monitoring the reports of the Minorities Commission constituted by several State Governments; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken on the report of the commission?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Central Minorities Commission has so far submitted six annual reports. The first four annual reports have already been laid before the Lok Sabha alongwith the action taken memoranda indicating the recommendations and the action taken thereon. The Fifth and Sixth Annual Reports of the Minorities Commission for the period 1-4-1982 to 31-3-1983 and 1-4-1983 to 31-3-1984 received by the Government are under examination and will be laid on the table of the House after completion of the examination.

(b) and (c) It is for the State Governments concerned to monitor action on the reports of their State Minorities Commission.

Employment under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme

2893. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of Rural landless persons have been provided with employment under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme in the country especially during the non-agricultural seasons in their areas during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to expand the scope of Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme to the extent of providing gainful employment to every landless person in near future; and

(c) if so, by when the rural Landless Employment Guarantee is likely to ensure employment opportunity for every landless in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) to (c) Under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme the progress is monitored in terms of mandays generated and not percentage of rural landless persons provided with employment. The employment is provided under this programme throughout the year and not only in non-agricultural season.

The number of mandays of employment generated during the las

three years under RLEGP has been as under:—

(In million mandays)

1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
3.20	257·55	237·99

The target for generation if employment during Seventh plan is an averaged of 200 million mandays per annum.

Usa Agency for Adoption of Indian Children

2894. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 7th February, 1987 captioned 'Buck foundation plans to adopt Indian kids' wherein it has been said that Government have given Licence to the Pearl S. Buck Foundation in Perkasie, Pennsylvania to handle adoption of Indian children;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the children taken from India for adoption to foreign countries have been exploited in one way or the other; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard and what safeguards the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Pearls S. Buck Foundation, Inc. Green Hills Farm, Bucks Country Perkasie, U.S.A. has been 'enlisted' to sponsor cases of foreign prospective adoptive parents through an Indian recognised voluntary agency which processes and files the application for the adoption of child in the competent court in India.

(c) and (d) The Government have not come across any such case. However, the Supreme Court Judgement in Writ Petition No. 1171/1982, is being strictly implemented and only such voluntary agencies, both in India and abroad, as have been recognised/"enlisted" by Government are permitted to process cases of adoption of Indian children by foreign parents. Besides, particulars of Indian children as well as foreign adoptive parents are periodically communicated to our Missions abroad to keep an unobtrusive watch on the well-being of the children.

Cultivation of Jojoba Plant

2895. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTNRE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the cultivation of Jojoba plant in the sand zones in Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether trials have been completed to extract oil from Jojoba seeds in the experimental firms in all the four States;

(c) what is the value of the oil extracted per hectare in all these four States;

(d) whether Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute is experimenting on any other similar plants of foreign origin in unfertile soil; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Jojoba is being tried on an experimental basis by Central Salt and